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FORMER CIVILIAN ARMY OFFICIAL SENTENCED IN SCHEME TO DEFRAUD THE U.S. ARMY IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Assistant Attorney General Christopher A. Wray of the Criminal Division announced today that Percy Lee Powers, a former civilian official for the U.S. Army, has been sentenced to 26 months in prison on charges of accepting more than \$20,000 in bribes and defrauding the United States.

Powers, 49, of Seoul, South Korea, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. He had previously pleaded guilty to the charges. In addition to the prison sentence, Powers was sentenced to three years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$55,000 in restitution to the U.S. Army.

Between 2001 and 2003, Powers served as the Deputy Commander and Civilian Executive Assistant for the United States Army, Depot Support Activity, Far East (DSAFE) for United States Forces, Korea. He was responsible for purchasing and contracting on behalf of the Army. Powers used his official position to violate Defense Department (DOD) contracting rules and sole-source several DOD contracts for truck parts, supplies and services to a Korean contractor in exchange for more than \$20,000 in bribes.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Raymond Hulser and Trial Attorney James A. Crowell IV of the Public Integrity Section at the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, headed by Section Chief Noel Hillman, and investigated by the Army Criminal Investigation Division and the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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